

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
)	Examiner: Wong, Xavier S
Roger Lapuh, et al.)	
)	Art Unit: 2616
Serial No.: 10/618,136)	
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Filed: July 11, 2003)	
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For: <u>ROUTED SPLIT MULTILINK TRUNKING</u>)	

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COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

Applicants are assuming that the Examiner's statement of reasons for allowance is to be taken in light of the structure and interaction recited in the claims. Applicants note that the Examiner's various comments should not be used to read non-existent limitations into the claims.

Also, on August 5, 2008, Applicants filed a Notice of Appeal in order to maintain the pendency of the subject application. Subsequently, on August 7, 2008, the USPTO mailed a Notice of Allowability that did not recognize the mailing of the Notice of Appeal. Applicants have been advised by the USPTO that it recognized that the Notice of Appeal was filed and that the Notice of Allowability was intended to officially withdraw the subject application from the Appeal process in order to place the subject application into its "allowed" status. The undersigned attorney respectfully outlines this chain of events into the record to avoid any inconsistent understandings.

Respectfully submitted,

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